<u>REMARKS</u>

The Specification for the above-identified application has been amended to correct grammatical and typographical errors. A marked-up version of the Specification is submitted as "Attachment A - Marked-Up Version of Specification." Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectively requested.

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ATTACHMENT A - MARKED-UP VERSION OF SPECIFICATION

This is an attachment showing the marked-up version of the Specification.

In the Specification

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 1, line 24 and ending at page 2, line 2 as follows:

-- Electronic mail information is generally represented by [texts] text. However, a binary file such as application data (document file) prepared by a user can be attached to electronic mail information by a technique for encoding the binary file into text data and a technique for decoding encoded text data. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 2, line 27 and ending at page 3, line 27 as follows:

-- Communication using electronic mail with a portable terminal via the Internet is allowed. However, if a mail recipient does not notify a mail sender of limitations on information [contents] content (e.g., attachment of a computer electronic file or binary file) and the number of characters processed per mail, information which cannot be properly received (discarded before arrival of mail to the terminal) by the recipient may be generated.

Some portable terminal mail addresses can make a user imagine that it is a portable terminal depending on its domain name. However, the portable terminal mail address belongs to a standard Internet mail address system. Some portable terminal [user uses] users use as a portable terminal mail address a mail address used at a terminal (e.g., a desktop personal computer) having electronic mail reception limitations different from those of the portable terminal. A transmitting side cannot easily decide the information reception

capacity of the recipient terminal. It is, therefore, very difficult for an electronic mail sender to predict the recipient environment and send information processed to be received by the recipient.

Electronic mail messages from which information is omitted are frequently transmitted via portable terminals at the present. Users have no choice for any means for avoiding this. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 4, line 15 and ending at page 4, line 23 as follows:
-- In browsing mail attached with a document via the World Wide Web mechanism, the electronic mail information supposed to be sent to the portable terminal is transferred to another mailbox. The electronic mail transmitted to the user cannot be entirely checked by the electronic mail arriving at the portable terminal. The portable terminal user must frequently check his own mail information [in] on the World Wide Web. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 5, line 27 and ending at page 6, line 17 as follows:
-- According to another aspect of the present invention the foregoing object is attained by providing an information providing system comprising: [ransmission] transmission means for transmitting desired information as transmission information; determination means for determining whether contents of the transmission information are displayable at a portable terminal owned by a destination user; sending means for sending the transmission information to the portable terminal when said determination means determines that the contents are displayable; decision means for deciding a destination of the transmission information when said determination means determines that the contents are not

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displayable; conversion means for converting data contained in the transmission information into a format suitable for the destination; and providing means for providing to the destination data format-converted by said conversion means. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 8, line 4 and ending at page 8, line 7 as follows:
-- Furthermore, according to the present invention, a computer readable medium storing control program for a computer to execute the above information processing method is provided. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 15, line 14 and ending at page 16, line 2 as follows:
-- The setting module 500 serves as a mechanism for accepting user conversion settings and storing them in the net database 400. In this embodiment, the setting module 500 is activated by the Web server 700 using CGI but may be activated by a dedicated terminal or voice guidance [of] by telephone. Setting and a change in settings can, of course, be made by the dedicated terminal or the voice guidance [of] by telephone. This embodiment aims at processing mail for a portable terminal, and user registration is done at the time of purchase of a portable terminal. User registration by the setting module will not be described. However, it is not impossible to register a user by the setting module. When a portable terminal user additionally subscribes a mail service, user registration may be done via the setting module. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 40, line 20 and ending at page 41, line 15 as follows:
-- As described above, according to this embodiment, user information (user portable terminal information table 706d and user conversion setting table 706e) including

information about the portable terminal and designation of a destination for electronic mail is retained for each user. The determination module 200 determines whether the contents of electronic mail received by the mail server 100 are displayable at the portable terminal of the destination user (representation enable/disable determination program).

If the electronic mail is determined to be displayable upon this determination, the electronic mail is sent to the designated portable terminal (steps S300 and S302). If the electronic mail is determined not to be displayable, the destination of the electronic mail is determined in accordance with the contents of the user conversion setting table 706e (steps S330, S350, and S370), and output data outputtable at the destination is generated on the basis of the data of the electronic mail (Figs. 25 to 27). The output data is provided to the destination, and a notification representing this is sent [is] to inform [to] the portable terminal (steps S344, S345, S387, and S388). --.